GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPERATION OF AI EXPRESS TO GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India Express propose to expand its operation to Gulf Countries;

(b) if so, the details of the flights proposed to be introduced from different destination in India to Gulf countries; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): Air India Express currently operates 95 flights from India to Gulf Countries. They have recently commenced operation from Jaipur and Lucknow to Dubai. Air India Express plans to increase flights from Kerala to Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Sharjah, Dubai, Doha & Bahrain and also from Ahmedabad and Goa to Dubai with effect from February 2008, subject to availability of aircraft/crew.